

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 23, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 4, 1/12/2007; SB 75, 1/12/2007;
SB 197, 1/12/2007; HB 1, 1/17/2007
Executive Action: SB 197; HB 1

00:00:01 Vice-Chair Sen. Bob Hawks

00:00:37 Barb Smith, Legislative Branch, gave a presentation on the budget.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs15a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:08 SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 4, Procurement rebate regulation.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs15a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:06 Marvin Eicholtz, Department of Administration

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:49 Sen. Bales to Marvin Eicholtz, Department of Administration

00:11:27 Sen. Weinberg to Marvin Eicholtz, Department of Administration

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:48 Sen. Dan Harrington closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:06 SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 75, Revise administrative costs for trust land management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:22 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC

EXHIBIT(fcs15a03)

00:29:14 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:31:46 Steve Kelly, Friends of the Wild Swan

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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00:35:34 Sen. Tash to Steve Kelly, Friends of the Wild Swan

00:36:34 Sen. Laible to Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of
Higher Education

00:37:50 Sen. Williams

00:38:04 Sen. Hawks

00:38:14 Sen. Laible to Sen. Bob Hawks

00:43:10 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:43:46 Sen. Laible to Sen. Bob Hawks

00:48:21 Sen. Laible to Crystal Lee Evans, Legislative Fiscal
Division

00:53:52 Sen. Cooney to Tom Schultz, DNRC

00:59:04 Sen. Laible to Tom Schultz, DNRC

01:08:02 Sen. Lind to Tom Schultz, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:57 Sen. Hawks closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:42 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 197**, Divestiture of investments in terrorist nations. **SEN. WEINBERG** asked that the bill be tabled.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:14:43 Scott Miller, Montana Public Employee Retirement System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:26 Sen. Dan Weinberg closed on the bill.

HEARING ON HB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:47 **REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67**, opened the hearing on **HB 1**, Feed bill -- fund 2007 legislative session.

EXHIBIT(fcs15a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:16:50 Sen. John Brueggeman, SD 6, Polson

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:33 Sen. Tash

01:20:56 Sen. Cooney to Rep. John Sinrud

01:22:15 Sen. Laible to Sen. John Brueggeman

01:25:17 Sen. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:34 Rep. Sinrud closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 197

01:26:08 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 197 DO PASS.
Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 197 BE TABLED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 1

01:26:50 Motion: SEN. COONEY moved that HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:27:25 Motion: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that HB00101.ASB BE
ADOPTED.

Discussion:

01:28:21 Sen. Mike Cooney to Sen. John Brueggeman

01:29:32 Sen. Greg Barkus to Sen. John Brueggeman

01:30:09 Vote: Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with SEN.
LAIBLE voting no.

01:30:23 Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved that HB 1 BE CONCURRED
IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:36 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs15aad.pdf](#))